

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2329 – SB 2401

March 14, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014205): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Designates a segment of State Route 386 known as Vietnam Veterans Boulevard, which runs from the Sumner County line to Long Hollow Pike, for the placement of signs on such highway denoting fallen soldiers from the Vietnam War. Directs the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) to coordinate the placement of signs with the appropriate group that represents veterans of a particular war, as designated by the sponsor of this act. Directs that such signs are not to displace or interfere with any existing signage along the route. Requires all signs to be installed at one time after which no further signs of this type shall be installed in Sumner County. Fallen soldiers who were residents of Sumner County shall be designated on signs on that segment of State Route 386 that runs from the Sumner County line to Long Hollow Pike. The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County may elect to place two signs, one eastbound and one westbound, on that segment of State Route 386 that runs from Interstate 65 to the Sumner County line in such county to honor all fallen soldiers who were residents of Davidson County.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent the county legislative bodies of these counties choose to designate the placement of such signs along Vietnam Veterans Boulevard, and such signs will be manufactured and erected by the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT), there will be a one-time increase in state expenditures. The one-time increase in state expenditures will be determined by the number of fallen soldiers from each county who will have signs placed along the Boulevard. Since the number of veterans affected is unknown, the increase in state expenditures cannot be determined. However, for each sign placed, there will be an increase in one-time state expenditures of \$150.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent that the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) coordinates the placement of signs with the appropriate veterans' group as designated by the sponsor and such signs are manufactured and erected by TDOT, there will be a one-time increase in state expenditures. The one-time increase in state expenditures will be determined by the number of fallen soldiers from Sumner County who will have designated signs placed on that segment of State Route 386 that runs from the

Sumner County line to Long Hollow Pike. The actual number of veterans affected is unknown; however, according to TDOT, signs could be placed along the 12.6 miles on that segment of State Route 386 at one mile intervals, for a maximum placement of 13 pairs of signs. This will result in a maximum one-time increase in state expenditures of \$3,900 from the Highway Fund for 26 signs. Such signs shall be funded in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-1-133.

For signage on that segment of State Route 386 that runs from Interstate 65 to the Sumner County line, the fiscal impact will be not significant to state and local government. However, to the extent that non-state funds are received from Davidson County, there will be a one-time, permissive increase in local government expenditures of \$300 for two signs.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- Signs will be placed along this segment of Vietnam Veterans Boulevard at the discretion of the appropriate veterans group.
- The only counties affected will be those through which Vietnam Veterans Boulevard runs (Sumner and Davidson counties).
- The cost of the signs will be \$150.00 each, which is the estimated cost of signs to designate bridges and highways.
- Designating signs in Sumner County will be paid with state funds. Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 54-1-133, TDOT is required to fund from resources in the Highway Fund the cost of signage on an interstate, U.S. highway, or state highway designated as a memorial highway or memorial bridge for a member of the military or any state or local public safety official killed in the line of duty.
- Designating signs in Davidson County will be erected only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to TDOT from non-state funds within one year of the effective date of this resolution.
- According to TDOT, the length of roadway affected in each county will be: Davidson County from I-65 to the Sumner County line is 2.3 miles; Sumner County from the Sumner County line to Long Hollow Pike is 12.6 miles.
- The segment of State Route 386 in Sumner County is approximately 12.6 miles in length. Assuming the signs are placed one mile apart, there could be a maximum of 13 pairs of signs on this route. The estimated one-time state cost of 26 signs is \$3,900 (26 signs x \$150).
- The segment of State Route 386 in Davidson County is approximately 2.3 miles; two signs may be placed on that segment that runs from Interstate 65 to the Sumner County line at a one-time permissive increase in local expenditures of \$300 (2 signs x \$150).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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